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## **INDIANA WOMEN'S EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. ANNOUNCES ESSAY CONTEST**

KNIGHTSTOWN, IN – The Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc. announces an essay contest for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout Indiana. The topic for the essay is **"Who Has Had the Greatest Influence in My Life, and Why Is This Person Important to Me?"**

Carrie Roush and Catie Dimiceli, Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc. Essay Co-Chairmen state that this has been a popular contest since 1994 and they anticipate a great response again this year. This essay causes young people to think about their futures and possibly how they would like to see them change.

The essay should be no fewer than 300 words or more than 450 words. It should be typed or legibly handwritten, double-spaced, one side only. An official entry form must accompany each essay. **Entries must be postmarked by December 1, 2010.**

One semi-finalist will be selected from each of Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (INFBPW) seven districts. These seven semi-finalists will be invited to attend the INFBPW State Convention on April 30, 2011 at The INN at DePauw in Greencastle, Indiana for announcement of the state winner. A Plaque and Cash Award in the amount of \$50 will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner. A Certificate and a \$25 Cash Award will be awarded to each of the seven district winners. A Certificate of Participation will be awarded to each essay participant.

For more information or to request an entry form, please contact: **Essay Contest, P.O. Box 33, Knightstown, IN 46148, or call 765-345-9812**, or check with your local school district. Information will be e-mailed to the Indiana school superintendents.

The **Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc.**, founded in 1991, provides financial and scholarship assistance and strives to improve employment opportunity, career development, and economic self-sufficiency for women and/or youth in the state of Indiana. The Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

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PO BOX 33, KNIGHTSTOWN, INDIANA 46148

**TO: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS  
TEACHERS OF 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

**FROM: Carrie Roush and Catie Dimiceli, Essay Co-Chairmen  
INDIANA WOMEN'S EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2010**

**RE: ESSAY PROJECT FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

As adults, we know that none of us can tell what the future may hold, but did you know that most teenage girls expect to work outside the home only if they choose to do so? Did you know that teenage boys believe that their wives will stay home with their young children? While this is an admirable goal to set and hope to reach, statistics show that most young adults will work outside the home throughout their lives and while raising their children.

Some of them will be single-parent heads of households; over half of those households will have incomes below the poverty level. Many will work at low-paying jobs that do not have retirement plans and benefits, which will mean that as they get older, they will be unable to retire or will again fall below the poverty level. Since people are living longer, those who do have retirement plans will have to stretch their money farther!

How often do we hear people remark that IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN, I WOULD HAVE MADE DIFFERENT CHOICES, especially about education? But no one was there to tell them!

One of the primary goals of the Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc. and especially the Conni Richards Youth Fund is to have teens take a PROactive role with regard to their futures. The Foundation is sponsoring an essay project for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The topic – **“Who Has Had the Greatest Influence In My Life, and Why Was This Person Important To Me?”**– is designed to get the students thinking about the future and the choices that must be made now, and how influential those choices can be in their future lives.

Please encourage your students to enter the contest. This contest could be a required essay in class or perhaps extra credit? Essay entries must be postmarked by December 1, 2010. The entry form is attached.

All entrants receive a certificate of participation and the winners will be invited to attend the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (INFBPW) State Convention, April 30, 2011 in Greencastle, Indiana.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS PROJECT AND SHOWING YOU CARE!**

# INDIANA WOMEN'S EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

In conjunction with

## THE CONNI RICHARDS YOUTH FUND

### PRESENTS THE ESSAY COMPETITION FOR INDIANA 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

THE ESSAY TITLE IS:

#### **"Who Has Had the Greatest Influence In My Life, and Why Was this Person Important To Me?"**

- WHO:** Indiana 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- WHEN:** Program begins October 1, 2010, and ends December 1, 2010
- WHAT:** Completed essays and entry forms must be postmarked by December 1, 2010
- Each participant is asked to submit an essay, which must be an original composition relating directly to the topic, **"Who Has Had the Greatest Influence in My Life, and Why Was this Person Important To Me?"**
- May be typed (double-spaced) or legibly handwritten; one side of paper only.
  - May be stapled once but no folders or paper clips.
  - Writer's name may not appear in the body of the essay.
  - No fewer than 300 words or more than 450 words.
  - This form must accompany the essay with the appropriate signatures.
- HOW:** Mail essay and completed form, **postmarked by December 1, 2010**, to:  
Essay Contest, Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc., PO Box 33, Knightstown, IN 46148

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name/Dept.: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Each participant will receive a **Certificate of Participation** upon receipt of essay. One essay will be chosen from each of INFBPW's 7 districts. Each of the 7 winners and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) and teacher will be invited to attend and give his/her essay at the District's Spring Meeting which is usually in March. These same winners also will be invited to attend the luncheon on **Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the INFBPW State Convention at The INN at DePauw in Greencastle, Indiana.** These 7 young individuals will be the guest of the district at the Spring Meeting and the guests of the Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc. at the State Convention.

- Each district winner will receive a Certificate and a \$25 Cash Award.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> place State Winner will be announced at the State Convention. The State Winner will read their essay and receive an engraved plaque and a \$50 Cash Award.

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*Signature grants permission for the 3 state winners' names, hometowns, and essays to be posted on the Indiana Women's Education Foundation website.*

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Student's Signature

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Teacher's Signature

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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